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1. The present chief of the Peruvian APRA underground and the secretary general of the party is Antenor Orrego. Orrego holds this position with the approval of Victor Raul Haya de la Torre. With most of the better known Aprista leaders in exile, in prison, or slain (e.g. Luis Negreiros), Orrego has surrounded himself with a group of loyal but not so well known party members who with him comprise the party's executive committee.
2. Normally the APRA party is directed by nine secretariats or committees working through an executive arm known as the Comando Nacional de Accion. The difficulty of operating clandestinely has made it impossible for the party to work under its normal organization. Frequent changes in the structure of the hierarchy are made necessary by constant police harassment.
3. In addition to Orrego, the executive committee of the party at present consists of the following, all of whom operate underground and are sought by the police:

Carlos Alberto Izaguirre

Sra. de Carlos Alberto Izaguirre, who is in charge of the "social assistance secretariat.

Hernan de los Santos Garcia

Delisario Spelucin, brother of Alcides Spelucin who was recently released from jail. He was formerly assistant manager of the party's paper La Tribuna.

Jorge Idiaquez, Haya's former bodyguard.

4. Regionally, the party is divided into four commands as follows: North, South, Center, and Oriente. The Command of the Center region, with headquarters in Lima, is also the national executive committee of the party, and directs the activities of the other regional commands. Each region has its departmental, and sometimes, provincial and district committees. In the larger cities or industrial areas such as Lima, Arequipa, Trujillo, and Chiclayo there are section committees which, in turn, consist of cells established in factories, mines, and labor organizations.

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5. The party has its youth group, Juventud Aprista Peruana, commonly referred to as JAP, and a women's section. In each of the four major universities of the country the party has a clandestine student committee.
6. Exiled Apristas in other countries have also organized themselves into committees. The activities of exiled Apristas are reported to be well coordinated, with the result that opinions and suggestions from these individuals are frequently received by the underground leadership in Lima.
7. In its outlawed status the party operates under what it calls a "sistema de cadena" (chain system). As explained, this system involves a complex system of liaison whereby several individuals are used in a liaison chain in transmitting instructions from the party's high command downward, or laterally between cells, between committees, etc. The party has found it fairly effective but admits that it needs improvement.
8. Each national secretariat functions through a "buro," or bureau, which is described as a clandestine office composed of several party members. These offices are changed frequently to escape detection. Both lateral and vertical liaison is also conducted through the chain system. Recently the bureau in which Jorge Idiaquez works was uncovered but Idiaquez and his helpers were able to escape before a police raid could be effected.
9. The party relies heavily on its clandestine publications to keep the rank and file of the party informed. Some form of clandestine publication is circulated in every department of the country even though in some localities these may be no more than typewritten or handwritten letters.
10. The party uses pseudonyms extensively in identifying party leaders. Haya de la Torre is best known as "Jovie." This pseudonym is merely a transposition of the syllables of the word "Viejo," a nickname by which Haya has long been known within the party. Pseudonyms of many others are also reported to be merely transpositions of syllables forming their nicknames or actual names.
11. The party is careful to exclude from any underground activity all party members who have been arrested and then released. Thus the underground leadership has no contact with such individuals as Alcides Spelucin, Arturo Sabroso, and others who have been released from prison in recent weeks.
12. The party attempts to exercise extreme caution in liaison between the different echelons of command. Classes in the English language at the British-Peruvian Cultural Institute are attended by some party liaison elements for the primary purpose of being able to effect a fairly secure liaison. Liaison elements also meet at professional and business societies and particularly in clubs that are known for ultra-conservatism and anti-Aprismo.
13. The party is always concerned over its infiltration by government "stool pigeons" and present or former party members who "sell out." As reported previously, the party blames the death of Negreiros on a police informer known as Horacio Vega Leon. The party states, according to source, that the following individuals have caused APRA great damage by "selling out" to the government:
 - a. Victor Valdivia, alias "Chanca," a former party leader in Arequipa.
 - b. Marcel Delboy, present chief of the government's press and propaganda office who, although out of the party for a long time, knows a great deal about its inner workings.

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The Valdivia mentioned above is probably identical with Oscar Humberto Valdivia who was expelled from APRA in 1949 and who was reported [redacted] as being one of the dissident Apristas Odria has been courting. 25X1A

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